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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1652

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** John Smit      **Examiner:** D. J. Steadman  
**Serial No.:** 09/743,731      **Art Unit:** 1652  
**Filed:** April 25, 2001      **Docket:** 17581  
**For:** CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER  
PRODUCED RECOMBINANT  
FUSION PROTEINS      **Dated:** January 27, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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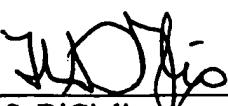
In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment in the above-identified case.

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